

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A packaging assembly comprising:

a) a receiving base having an upper side and a lower side, a distal end and a proximal end,

b) a plurality of corner columns located at said proximal end of said receiving base, each corner column having

an angular corner side edge, an upper corner plateau edge, and a corner column base having an seating side and a floor side wherein said seating side is fixedly arranged at a predetermined location with said receiving base lower side,

c) at least a plurality of side columns each side column having

symmetrically angular side edges, an upper side plateau edge, and a side column base having an seating side and a floor side wherein said seating side is fixedly arranged at a predetermined location with said receiving base lower side,

d) a single end column located at said distal end of said receiving base, having symmetrically angular end side edges, an upper end plateau edge, and an end column base having an seating side and a floor side wherein said seating side is fixedly arranged at a predetermined location with said receiving base lower side,

wherein each upper plateau edge of each corner column, each side column and said end column is in horizontal planar alignment with one another.

2. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said assembly is primarily pulp-based in composition.

3. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said assembly is primarily comprised of a semi-rigid material composition.

4. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said angular corner side edge, angular side edge, and angular end side edge of each of their respective columns, is trapezoidal in shape.

5. The assembly of claim 4, wherein there are two side columns on a proximal side and two side

columns on a distal side.

6. The assembly of claim 5, wherein said two side columns on a proximal side are spaced from one another at a distance equal to the distance between the two side columns on a distal side.
7. The assembly of claim 6, wherein each of said side columns and each of said end column further comprise a locking edge.
8. The assembly of claim 7, wherein said locking edge further comprises a locking ridge.
9. The assembly of claim 8, wherein the distance between the locking ridge and the upper side of the receiving base is approximately equal to or slightly greater than a predetermined value.
10. The assembly of claim 9, wherein said predetermined value is equal to a distance of approximately a width of a component to be secured by the assembly.
11. The assembly of claim 9, wherein said predetermined value is equal to a distance of approximately one-half of a width of a component to be secured by the assembly.
12. The assembly of claim 9, wherein said predetermined value is equal to a distance of approximately twice a width of a component to be secured by the assembly.
13. A unitary packaging assembly kit comprising
at least two packaging assemblies, each assembly comprising
 - a) a receiving base having an upper side and a lower side, a distal end and a proximal end,
 - b) a plurality of corner columns located at said proximal end of said receiving base, each corner column having
an angular corner side edge, an upper corner plateau edge, and a corner column base having an seating side and a floor side wherein said seating side is fixedly arranged at a predetermined location with said receiving base lower side,
 - c) at least a plurality of side columns each side column having
symmetrically angular side edges, an upper side plateau edge, and a side column base having an

seating side and a floor side wherein said seating side is fixedly arranged at a predetermined location with said receiving base lower side,

d) a single end column located at said distal end of said receiving base, having symmetrically angular end side edges, an upper end plateau edge, and an end column base having an seating side and a floor side wherein said seating side is fixedly arranged at a predetermined location with said receiving base lower side,

wherein each upper plateau edge of each corner column, each side column and said end column is in horizontal planar alignment with one another.

and,

a component.

14. The kit of claim 13, further comprising instructions.

15. The kit of claim 13, wherein said pulp-based composition is primarily newsprint.

16. The kit of claim 13, wherein each of said side columns and each of said end column further comprise a locking edge.

17. The kit of claim 13, wherein said locking edge further comprises a locking ridge.

18. The kit of claim 13, wherein the distance between the locking ridge and the upper side of the receiving base is approximately equal to or slightly greater than a width of said component.

19. The kit of claim 13, wherein the distance between the locking ridge and the upper side of the receiving base is approximately equal to or slightly greater than one-half of a width of said component.

20. The kit of claim 13, wherein the distance between the locking ridge and the upper side of the receiving base is approximately equal to or slightly greater than twice a width of said component.